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In re Patent Application of:
Mugnier et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF A
TUNABLE OPTICAL FIBER

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

RESPONSE TO DECISION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office's Decision mailed March 14, 2006 denying applicants' Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), applicants submit herewith for filing in the above-captioned application a Declaration executed by co-inventor Rachelle Leroux.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully withdraw their petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) as Ms. Leroux has been found and has executed the enclosed Declaration. She has also assigned her rights in the invention to Highwave Optical Technologies. A copy of the Assignment is being filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully submit that by filing the enclosed Declaration of Ms. Leroux, all the requirements for acceptance of the international application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 have been met. Therefore, applicants respectfully request examination of the application in the normal course.

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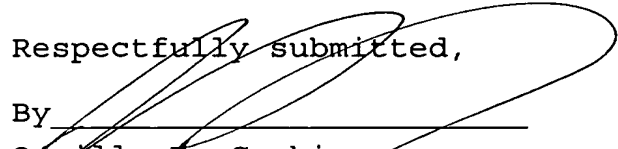
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If the Office of PCT Legal Administration has any questions concerning this application, it is requested that applicant's attorney be contacted at (908) 654-5000. If any additional fees are required by the present response, the Office is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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Respectfully submitted,

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